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SUBJECT: FINNISH GOVERNMENT RESIGNS

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1. IN UNUSUAL MOVE, FINNISH PRIMIN MIETTUNEN FURTHERED PROGRESS TOWARD MAJORITY GOVERNMENT BY LEAVING BEHIND AN UNDATED LETTER OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S RESIGNATION AND THEN TAKING OFF ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 11 TO REPRESENT FINLAND AT EFTA MEETING IN VIENNA. IN ANOTHER UNUSUAL MOVE PRESIDENT KEKKONEN, WITHOUT ACCEPTING RESIGNATION, PROMPTLY CALLED SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) CHAIRMAN SORSA BY TELEPHONE AND ASKED HIM TO FORM MAJORITY GOVERNMENT.

2. ALTHOUGH WAY NOW CLEARED FOR FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT, SUCCESS STILL DEPENDS ON RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN SDP AND CENTRIST PARTIES (PRIMARILY THE LAND PACKAGE) AND ON PARTY COMPOSITION OF NEXT CABINET. ALSO, COMMUNIST PARLIAMENTARY FRONT (SKDL) IS INCLUDED
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BY SORSA IN NEGOTIATIONS. SKDL HAD BEEN TROUBLESOME PARTNER IN EARLIER MIETTUNEN GOVERNMENT AND ITS PARTICIPATION IN NEXT GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERED LIKELY DURING RECENT MONTHS. THERE HAVE BEEN FEW PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SKDL AND SDP. HOWEVER, SORSA GAVE OPTIMISTIC APPRAISAL TO PRESS MAY 11, SAYING THAT SDP, SKDL, AND CENTRIST GROUPS HAVE SO MANY SIMILAR

VIEWS ON SOLUTION OF CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
THAT THERE IS HOPE FOR AGREEMENT.

3. SORSA MENTIONED MAY 14 AS PROBABLE DATE FOR DECISION
ON FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT. COMPOSITION OF NEW GOVERN-
EMTN IS OPEN QUESTION BUT CENTRIST PARTIES EXPECTED TO GET ONE
MORE MINISTERIAL POST THAN LEFTISTS, WITH SORSA BEING
PRIME MINISTER.

4. COMMENT: UNPRECEDENTED PROCEDURE UNDERScores PERSONAL
INTEREST OF KEKKONEN IN ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJORITY GOVERNMENT
PRIOR TO HIS SOVIET TRIP (REFTEL).
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